

MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission held its regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2011, 7919 Independence Blvd., Conference Room B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. James Hopson, with the following members present:

Mrs. Carol Ann Cleveland, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Charles Cain, Commissioner
Mr. Henry "Darty" Smith, Commissioner
Major Adam White
Attorney Paul Schexnayder

Present also was John W. Alario, Executive Director, and various industry representatives.

On motion by Mr. Cain, seconded by Mr. Smith, the minutes of the March 23, 2011 meeting was adopted as transcribed and the register of attendance was signed.

The latest expenditure and revenue reports ending March 31, 2011 were reviewed.

The statistical reports for the period ending March 31, 2011 were reviewed.

Report of fires and accidents for March 2011 were reviewed.

Dates for the next meetings were set for Wednesday, May 25, 2011 & Thursday, May 26, 2011 in Baton Rouge, LA.

Mr. Alario informed the Commission that he would make the following citations for appearance at the April 2011 meeting and that others may be added prior to distribution of the AD letter:

- 1. Citations – Regular – May 2011**
None as of April 15, 2011
- 2. Citations – Insurance – May 2011**
None as of April 15, 2011
- 3. Citations – Permit Renewals – May 2011**
None as of April 15, 2011

Mr. Alario presented the Commission with the Market Development Fund (MDF) balance of **\$791,017.56** as of March 31, 2011.

Management/Finance provides monthly updates to Mr. Alario. Currently, the agency has a \$50,000.00 surplus. Mr. Alario stated there are some outstanding bills prior to him becoming the Director but most of the monies have been paid.

Commission Legislation and/or Rule Changes – Status –Attorney Schexnayder informed the Commission that he has started working on the new rule changes. He is working on the final format of the rule changes to follow the current NFPA edition.

Mr. Alario informed the Commission that he would like to review the plumber's cards. He is looking for an exclusion for people that practice HVAC installations for heating and cooling.

Mr. Billy Cox, Mr. Ira Cleveland and Inspector Stephen Britton approached the Commission. They each expressed their concerns in regards to the relationship plumbers have with the Industry, some plumbers not wanting to conduct propane business and the way(s) plumbers install and inspect piping in homes. Commissioner Hopson reminded everyone that the Commission is designated to ensure safety. Mr. Alario assured the Commission that he will look into developing administrative procedures with the assistance of Attorney Schexnayder regarding this matter. Inspector Britton informed the Commission that he is willing to work with the plumbers to develop a safe approach. Mr. Alario suggested a meeting with everyone including the Plumber's Association.

Mr. Cox informed the Commission about a request that was made to the Market Development Advisory (MDA) board regarding the Miss Louisiana pageant. According to Mr. Cox, the MDA voted to financially support the Miss Louisiana pageant in conjunction with Home Town Productions. Mr. Cox introduced Mr. Jerry Mayer with Home Town Productions. Mr. Mayer presented the Commission with materials regarding the pageant. Mr. Mayer gave the historical background of the Miss Louisiana pageant. The purpose of his visit was to seek sponsorship for the pageant. The Miss Louisiana pageant is a 2 hour live broadcast from 8 p.m. – 10 p.m. If the Commission approves sponsorship (with the use of the Market Development Fund), Home Town Productions can create and add propane tags to Miss Louisiana's format. According to Mr. Mayer, sponsors work with Miss Louisiana and Home Town Productions for one (1) year. Mr. Alario reminded Mr. Mayer, that if sponsorship is approved, the contract is through the State. Commissioner Hopson asked Mr. Cox if the MDA agreed to spend money on sponsorship for this pageant and Mr. Cox said yes. The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the materials that Mr. Mayer presented. Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Cain to allocate \$19,795.00 for corporate sponsorship for the Miss Louisiana pageant, all agreed.

There being no other business, Major White motioned to recess until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 21, 2011, Mrs. Cleveland seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.